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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Ordinance authorizing the City of Boston to establish guidelines for parking motor vehicles in a Pedestrian Safety Zone. Presently, the City lacks an effective method to discourage drivers of motor vehicles from stopping, standing, or parking in any designated Pedestrian Safety Zone.

The Ordinance would allow a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for stopping, standing, or parking unauthorized motor vehicles within any Pedestrian Safety Zone boundary. I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Ordinance as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING OR STOPPING WITHIN ANY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ZONE

WHEREAS, The Mayor of the City of Boston has made it a priority to create Pedestrian Safety Zones in the city of Boston, eliminating non-essential vehicles from key commercial districts to enliven the City's streets, enhance economic development opportunities, and create a safe environment for pedestrians;

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is lacking an effective method to ensure public safety and prevent unauthorized motor vehicles stopping, standing, or parking within Pedestrian Safety Zones; and

WHEREAS, This Ordinance shall establish the following prohibitions regarding stopping, standing, and parking unauthorized motor vehicles within a Pedestrian Safety Zone

Be it ordered by the City Council as follows:

Prohibition of Non-Authorized Vehicles in the Zone: Any vehicles stopped, standing, or parked in a Pedestrian Safety Zone may be ticketed and fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00), if not displaying a valid Pedestrian Safety Zone Permit ("Permit"). Authorized vehicles displaying a valid Permit are allowed to load/unload at designated loading zone areas within the Pedestrian Safety Zone between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. No vehicles, regardless of valid Pedestrian Safety Zone Permit, shall be allowed to stop, stand or park in the Zone between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The fine shall increase by thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) if it remains unpaid at least twenty-one (21) days after issuance of a notice of the violation.

Enforcement: The Boston Transportation Department and Boston Police Department shall have the authority to enforce this section. The provisions of Massachusetts General Laws c. 90, s. 20A1/2 may be used to enforce these sections, and the adjudication provisions of this chapter and of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982 shall apply to this section. The Boston Police Department and Boston Transportation Department shall have the authority to impound any motor vehicle in violation of these sections

Regulatory Authority: The Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department and the Commissioner of the Boston Police Department of the Boston Police Department shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce these sections.

Severability. If any provision of these sections is held as invalid, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Implementation. The provisions of this section shall be effective immediately after passage.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**


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